

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-21. (cancelled)

Claim 22. (Previously presented) An apparatus for dispensing at least one material to a periodontal pocket comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry;

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member; and

a quantity of dry particles, at least a portion of the dry particles within the tip, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

Claim 24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23, additionally comprising:  
an external force applying member.

Claim 25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the handle includes:

a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and

a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;

the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

Claim 27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:

a proximal end and a distal end; and

a thumb ring at the proximal end.

Claim 28-35. (cancelled)

Claim 36. (Previously presented) An apparatus for dispensing material comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry; and

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

Claim 37. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

Claim 38. (original) The apparatus of claim 36, additionally comprising:  
an external force applying member.

Claim 39. (original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

Claim 40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the handle includes:

a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and  
a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;  
the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

Claim 41. (original) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:  
a proximal end and a distal end; and  
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

Claims 42-46. (cancelled)

Claims 47-48. (cancelled)

Claim 49. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the body portion of the barrel further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

Claim 50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the flexible flanges are designed to move radially outward and inward.

Claim 51. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the body portion of the barrel further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

Claim 52. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the flexible flanges are designed to move radially outward and inward.